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The 15th Evacuation Hospital, located in Nurnberg, Germany, is operating in a former German Wehrmacht hospital "Standort Lazarett." The hospital buildings, of which construction was begun 16 July 1936, are of permanent construction, brick and reinforced masonry. Of particular interest is the fact that the chapel windows, which were destroyed by bombs, were painted by the noted glass painter, Alfons Abel, while a garden fountain was designed by Karl May of Munich. Typical of continental hospitals, the patients' rooms for the most part face east and south with numerous sun decks.

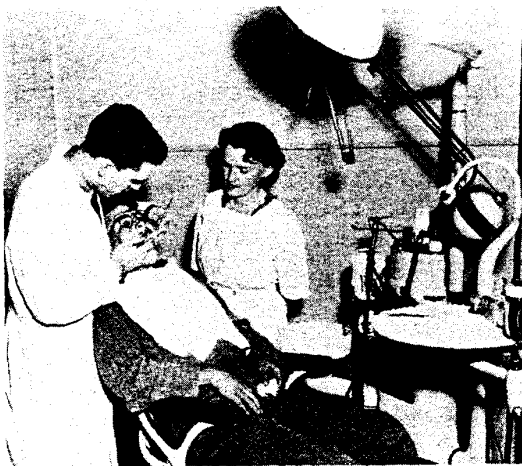
From a historical point of view, it is interesting to note that the 116th General Hospital originally occupied the hospital on 9 June 1945, with the last German soldier patient leaving on that day. The central tower connecting the east and west wings of the hospital, which had been demolished by bombs, has since been rebuilt by Army Engineers. Much German X-ray and other technical equipment taken over by the 116th General Hospital is still in use today.

The 116th General Hospital was reorganized 15 April 1946, at which time the 385th Station Hospital began operating in the location of the 116th. The 385th Station Hospital continued operating until its inactivation on 25 August 1949. Concurrent with the inactivation of the 385th, the 15th Evacuation Hospital was activated and to it was transferred the personnel of the 385th Station Hospital.

The history of the 15th Evacuation Hospital is extensive. The unit saw action during World War I, for which battle credit for the Meuse-Argonne Campaign was received.



15TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL IN THE FIELD



AND AS A
STATION HOSPITAL
AT NURNBERG,
GERMANY

World War II history of this organization began on 1 June 1941 when the inactive 15th Evacuation Hospital was activated with station at Fort George G. Meade, Md. Subsequent to activation the unit participated in the 1941 North Carolina maneuvers. Following the maneuvers period, the organization was redesignated the 15th Evacuation Hospital (Motorized) on 1 September 1942.

On 23 January 1943 the 15th Evacuation Hospital (Motorized) departed its station at Fort George G. Meade, Md., for Camp Kilmer, N.J., departing therefrom on 7 February 1943 aboard the "Susan B. Anthony" (NY 27), arriving at Oran, North Africa, on 21 February 1943, where it was assigned to 5th Army. The following August the unit was redesignated the 15th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile). Action was seen in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. Prior to inactivation on 8 September 1945 at Firenze, Italy, battle credits for the Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Appennines, and Po Valley campaigns were received.

Reactivation of the 15th Evacuation Hospital took place on 25 August 1949 with assignment to Nurnberg Military Post. The hospital's present mission is that of operating a station hospital for Nurnberg Military Post, which includes the training area at Grafenwohr. The unit has participated in each major EUCOM maneuver and at the same time continued to operate the static hospital mission.

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MEDICAL CONSULTANTS SCHEDULE

Col. James Gillespie, consultant in internal medicine, and Dr. Oscar B. Markey, consultant in neuropsychiatry, are scheduled to arrive in the command 1 November, from the Office of The Surgeon General, to begin a tour of most medical installations in EUCOM and USFA.

Colonel Gillespie, of Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., received his MD from the University of Minnesota in 1926. A specialist in diseases of the chest and cardiology, he is a Fellow in the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon, the Legion of Merit, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Dr. Markey, of Cleveland, Ohio, was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with an MD in 1922. During the last war, he was a lieutenant colonel with the Medical Section of Headquarters, Tenth Army. At present, he is associate professor of mental hygiene at Western Reserve University.--R.W.R.

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